

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A safety device is provided for a motor vehicle having a driver's seat whose sitting position can be adjusted by a seat adjustment drive, and a steering wheel whose steering wheel position can be adjusted by a steering wheel adjustment drive. A control unit evaluates the data which is relevant for the safety of a driving mode, and actuates the steering wheel adjustment drive with timing such that, before an anticipated accident event occurs, a movement of the steering wheel into an optimum steering wheel position for the driver in terms of safety equipment is initiated as a function of the current sitting position of the driver's seat.